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STEPPING IN: California Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., meet Wednesday on Capitol Hill. Schwarzenegger was in D.C. to ask Congress for federal funds to help fight the wildfires in his state. ♣ **Firefighter fatality:** First to die battling blazes | Page 3

Cats, Ferrets Can Carry SARS

GALVESTON, TEXAS | House cats and ferrets can get the SARS virus and spread it to other animals, a study has found, raising a disturbing question: Can they give it to people?

"You might want to quarantine the pets as well as the people" in the event of an outbreak, suggested Dr. Robert Shope, an expert on emerging diseases at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Other scientists who have studied the

sometimes-deadly severe acute respiratory syndrome say pet owners shouldn't overreact.

"These animals in all likelihood did not play a significant role" in the spread of SARS to humans, said Dr. Klaus Stohr, the World Health Organization's chief SARS scientist.

Researchers discovered the vulnerability of cats and ferrets to SARS while searching for animals to test vaccines; their study was published in Thursday's "Nature." (AP)

Iraq Focus May Shift To Attacks

Hunt for culprits could pull forces off search for WMD

WASHINGTON | American forces might have to cut the number of intelligence officers searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and reassign them to a search for the culprits behind a wave of deadly attacks.

Defense and intelligence officials said Wednesday the idea has been debated by senior administration officials for several weeks, during which attacks have spiraled up to an average of nearly three dozen a day.

Military commanders have said for months they believe the attackers include remnants of the former Iraqi regime.

But they have yet to solve any of the major bombings that began in August, and say they need more intelligence resources to identify and stop those involved.

Some troops already have been shifted from other areas to help with intelligence on the insurgency in Iraq, said Defense Department spokesman Lawrence Di Rita.

Ousting Saddam before he could give the weapons to anti-American terrorists was the main rationale for the war, so reducing the number of workers assigned to the weapons hunt might have political implications.

Officials stressed Wednesday that the search would continue and that they still think weapons will be found. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: About 1,400 intelligence specialists make up the Iraq Survey Group, which is seeking evidence of Iraq's weapons programs. (AP)



Ghouls Gone Wild: Tricks (at *Tony Hawk's HuckJam*)! Treats (*L.L. Cool J's* pecs)! *Candy (Dulfer)*! Pranksters



Robbie Conal and *Cypress Hill* are grounded for TP-ing the monuments, but we're stepping out. **WEEKEND PASS** | 13-21

EyeOpeners

TELECOMMUNICATIONS Service With a Sneer

Al and Barbara Jones of Detroit say a complaint to their local Comcast office about a cable TV service outage on Saturday resulted in a voicemail message that started like this: "This is for Al, you stupid mother [bleeper]." The Joneses, who say they received several similarly profane messages, claim the voice sounded like the female Comcast representative they'd talked to earlier, The Detroit Free Press reported. Comcast told the Free Press it's investigating, but can find no record of the calls on its phone system. (EXPRESS)



YANO SHILANOV/AP/GETTY

FEATS Ears of Steel

So you've worked on your biceps, your abs and your glutes — but how buff are your ears? Lasha Pataridze of the former Soviet republic of Georgia has been training his for a shot at the Guinness Book of World Records. On Wednesday the 23-year-old lifted weights totaling 114.4 pounds and then towed a minibus weighing a ton and a half along 158 feet, all using ropes attached to his ears. "By the way, my ears are perfectly normal and I hear fine with them," he told Agence France-Presse. (EXPRESS)

TECHNOLOGY A Fleeting Glimpse

Customers have had a tepid reaction to the latest thing in home theater technology — disposable DVDs. The vacuum-packed discs contain a resin rendering them unplayable 48 hours after exposure to the atmosphere, Wired magazine reports. Retailers in the four states where the discs are being test-marketed tell Wired price is part of the problem: At \$7 or so, the discs are cheaper than regular DVDs, but still more expensive than a multiple-day movie rental. (EXPRESS)

ANIMAL WATCH Follow That Emu

A 6-foot tall emu led a half-dozen pest control workers in Pensacola, Fla., on a 90-minute chase through woods and brush on Tuesday before the flightless bird was snared and then gang-tackled. Authorities at the zoo that's now caring for the ostrich-like bird say it's unclear where it came from. Veteran animal wrangler Gene Ham said that with running speeds of up to 40 mph, the bird was "by far the toughest thing we've ever caught." (AP)



WHO KNEW? Light from the sun takes about eight and a half minutes to travel to Earth, traversing a distance of about 93 million miles, according to NASA's Observatorium Web site.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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UV Index (for solar noon)
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AQI Today: Not available

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Reading: Main offender: Not available

Today, patchy fog early, mostly sunny. High 66. Wind south 5-10 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, foggy areas late. Low 50. Friday, foggy spots early, mostly sunny, warm. High 72.

SPORTS Around the World In Seven Marathons

Two British adventurers were in Sydney on Wednesday to kick off the Australian leg of their attempt to run seven marathons on seven continents in seven days. Each 26-mile run has to

be completed in six hours for the pair to remain on schedule, they told reporters. Explorers Ranulph Fiennes and Mike Stroud have already completed runs in the Falkland Islands and Chile. They will head to Singapore, Britain and Egypt, and hold their final race in the United States. (AP)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Senators Express Support For NASA Space Plane

The Senate injected itself Wednesday into a simmering debate over America's future in space, urging NASA's top administrator — over objections by House lawmakers — to continue developing a space plane to ferry astronauts into orbit. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said the agency is considering plans to accelerate work on the space plane. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

Pharmacists Crossing Picket Lines in State Grocery Strike

More than half of striking pharmacists at Vons and Pavilions stores in Southern California have crossed picket lines to return to work as the grocery strike shows no sign of ending. Since the start of the grocery strike Oct. 11, when 70,000 grocery clerks went on strike or were locked out in Southern and Central California, 120 union pharmacists have gone back to work. (AP)

NEW YORK

Both Sides in WTC Insurance Case Agree to Mediation

An insurance dispute over whether the destruction of the World Trade Center's twin towers represented one or two terrorist attacks will go to mediation, both sides agreed Wednesday. Trade center leaseholder Larry Silverstein, has contended the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks were two events, not one, entitling him to an insurance payout of about \$7 billion instead of \$3.5 billion. Its insurers have argued the attacks should be considered a single occurrence. (AP)

First Firefighter Killed in Calif. Blazes

Shifting winds draw flames toward the east, away from big cities

LAKE ARROWHEAD, CALIF. | Firefighters struggled desperately Wednesday to save emptied-out resort towns in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains as 200-foot walls of flame engulfed dead and dried-out trees.

In San Diego County, the state's largest fire claimed another victim when a firefighting crew was overcome by flames, killing one and injuring three. It marked the first firefighter death since the series of blazes began last week and brought the total number of dead to 18.

The hot, dry Santa Ana winds from the desert that had been whipping the fires into raging infernos eased, only to give way to stiff breezes off the ocean that pushed the flames up the canyon walls around evacuated resort towns like Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear, east of Los Angeles.

The fires have burned more than 620,000 acres and destroyed 1,800 homes. More than 12,000 firefighters and support crew were fighting what Gov. Gray Davis said may be the worst and costliest disaster California has ever faced. He estimated the cost at \$2 billion so far.

ANDREW BRIDGES (AP)

A massive opponent: The latest reports and photos from the fires' front lines | washingtonpost.com/nation



Kevin Mortensen comforts his wife Katie on Wednesday as they returned to the remnants of their Crest, Calif., home, which was destroyed by a wildfire.

No Major Power Disruptions Arise From Solar Storm

DENVER | The most powerful geomagnetic storm possible walloped the Earth Wednesday, knocking out some airline communications but apparently causing no large power outages. The storm, the most disruptive to hit Earth since 1989, was unleashed by the fourth-most powerful solar flare ever seen, NASA said.

The gigantic cloud of highly charged particles hurled from the sun posed a threat to electric utilities, high frequency radio communications, satellite navigation systems and television broadcasts.

The biggest immediate effect was



The solar energy was expected to make the Northern Lights, seen here in Alaska, visible as far south as Florida.

the blackout of high frequency voice-radio communications for planes flying far northern routes.

Continued turbulence on the sun remains a concern for the next week, space forecasters say. (AP)

Sheriff: Officials Warned About Columbine Killers

GOLDEN, COLO. | The two students who gunned down 12 schoolmates and a teacher at Columbine High bragged about making pipe bombs and said they were looking for a "ground zero" two years before the bloodbath — and authorities knew it, the sheriff said Wednesday.

Authorities have said they knew about violent rants by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold in 1998, a year before the shootings, and that a search warrant was not acted upon.

But Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink, who took office in July, said Wednesday that someone had called

the sheriff's office a year earlier, in 1997, to tip off authorities about a Web site run by Harris.

A deputy investigated the tip and forwarded a report and printouts from the Web site to a sheriff's investigator in charge of computer-related crimes, Mink said. But the investigation of the Web site apparently stopped there.

Some families have been sharply critical of the sheriff's office and former Sheriff John Stone, accusing them of ignoring warning signs that Harris and Klebold planned to kill. COLLEEN SLEVIN (AP)

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Iraq Deal Extended for Cheney's Ex-Employer

Halliburton may keep restoring Iraqi oil fields until early next year

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration Wednesday delayed its planned replacement of a lucrative no-bid contract in Iraq that was awarded to Halliburton, Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.

Halliburton, paid \$1.59 billion so far to restore Iraq's oil industry, could stay on the job until early next year under the new schedule announced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps, which supervises the reconstruction, said it decided to increase the amount of work required and therefore must receive revised bids. Halliburton's contract

will be replaced by two contracts, selected from competitive bids.

The new schedule calls for selection of the winning bidders in either December or January.

The Corps decided to divide Halliburton's work among separate contractors for the northern and southern oil fields. Each contract will have a minimum value of \$500,000. The maximum cost for the northern oil fields contract will be \$800 million and for the southern fields, \$1.2 billion.

Cheney's office has said the vice president has no current ties to Halliburton and had nothing to do with the contract. He still receives deferred payments for services performed while he was employed by the company. LARRY MARGASAK (AP)

CHILLIN' | SITTING GOOSE



MYSTERY MOST FOWL: No one in the lot knew just why this car was parked near the McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond, Va., with a live goose in the passenger seat. But he seemed to be enjoying the autumn weather, lounging in a plastic-lined basket with the window and sunroof open.

Need Tech Support? Look to Your Kids

WASHINGTON | Today's children and teens are so computer savvy and comfortable online that they've become technology pacesetters, new government studies show.

About 90 percent of people ages 5 to 17 use computers and 59 percent of them use the Internet — rates that are, in both cases, higher than those of adults. By the time they're age 10, 60 percent of children use the Internet. That number grows to

almost 80 percent for kids who are 16.

Even kindergartners are becoming more plugged in: One out of four 5-year-olds uses the Internet.

The figures come from a new Education Department analysis of computer and Internet use by children and adolescents in 2001.

A second report, based on 2002 data, shows 99 percent of public schools have Internet access, up from 35 percent eight years ago. (AP)

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In Brief

NORTH KOREA
Top Chinese Official Visits

China's No. 2 leader visited North Korea on Wednesday, adding the prestige of his position to Beijing's efforts to encourage another round of six-nation talks about the North's nuclear program. The three-day trip by Wu Bangguo, a member of the Communist Party's Standing Committee and head of China's legislature, is the highest-level visit to the North by a Chinese leader since then-President Jiang Zemin traveled there in 2001. (AP)

NORTHERN IRELAND
IRA Won't Disarm Further Until Power-Sharing Resumes

The Irish Republican Army signaled Wednesday it will not continue disarming or make any other new peace moves until the major Protestant party in Northern Ireland agrees to resume power-sharing with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. In a statement, the outlawed group criticized the Ulster Unionist Party for rejecting the IRA's decision last week to hand over an unknown amount of weapons to disarmament chiefs. (AP)

DENMARK
Case of Greenlanders Forced From Land Goes to Top Court

A group of 600 survivors of native Greenlanders forcibly removed from their land by Denmark's government in 1953 so that the U.S.-run Thule Air Base could be expanded will take their case for more money to Denmark's Supreme Court, they said Wednesday. In 1999, a Copenhagen court awarded the group representing the surviving descendants a total of \$78,125, but Greenlanders appealed the ruling, seeking more money. That case is scheduled to be heard Nov. 1-13 by the Supreme Court. (AP)



A man holds a child under a flag in Istanbul during a celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Turkish republic.

A Beautiful Outlaw from Afghanistan

Court says Miss Earth contestant's actions go against Islamic law

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | The Afghan Supreme Court on Wednesday condemned a woman who is competing as Miss Afghanistan at a beauty pageant, saying such a display of the female body goes against Islamic law and Afghan culture.

Vida Samadzai, 23, is competing in the Miss Earth competition in Manila, Philippines. Last week, she wore a red bikini during a public appearance by contestants ahead of the Nov. 9 competition.

At a meeting of the Afghan high court shown Wednesday on state TV, judges condemned



Vida Samadzai, 23, during a public appearance ahead of the Miss Earth competition in Manila, Philippines.

Samadzai's appearance.

"Women who show their bodies without clothes in front of people are completely against Shariah [Islamic] law, against Islam and against the culture of the Afghan people," the court said, according to the report. (AP)

Seeing red: Afghan officialdom is aghast: The last time an Afghan woman competed in an international beauty contest was more than 30 years ago. Today's Post: Section A

Saddam Confidant Linked to Attacks

First solid evidence of ties between al-Douri and terrorist group

WASHINGTON | A senior member of Saddam Hussein's ousted government is believed to be helping coordinate attacks on American forces with members of an al Qaeda-linked terrorist group, a senior defense official said Wednesday.

Two captured members of Ansar al-Islam have said Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri is helping to coordinate their attacks, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

That information is the first solid evidence of links between remnants of Saddam's regime and the non-Iraqi fighters responsible for at least some of the attacks on U.S. forces and Iraqi allies, the official said.

Pentagon officials say Ansar al-Islam, which operated in northern

Iraq before its camp was destroyed during the war, poses one of the greatest threats in Iraq. Military commanders have said they believe hundreds of non-Iraqi fighters from Ansar have entered Iraq to fight the U.S.-led occupation, many of them through neighboring Iran.

Al-Douri is No. 6 on the most-wanted list of 55 Iraqis and was vice chairman of Saddam's Revolutionary Command Council. He was one of Saddam's few long-time confidants and his daughter was married to Saddam's son, Uday, who was killed in a raid by U.S. forces in July.

U.S. officials have said for at least two months they suspect al-Douri of coordinating attacks on Americans but had not previously linked him to Ansar. MATT KELLEY (AP)

Money trail: Why the military does out reconstruction money quicker than Washington. Today's Post: Section A

RUSSIA | WAVE OF RELIEF

END OF THE TUNNEL: A rescued miner waves as he leaves the Zapadnaya mine in southern Russia on Wednesday. Of 13 coal miners who were trapped underground for six days, rescuers led 11 of them out alive Wednesday after blasting a tunnel through solid rock to reach the men. One of the trapped miners died underground and one remained missing.

Palestinian PM Offers Truce Strategy

JERUSALEM | Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said Wednesday he has a two-stage strategy for achieving a cease-fire to end three years of Mideast vio-

lence: first, negotiate a truce with militant Palestinian groups, and then ask the Israelis to match it.

A new truce with the militants would replace one that collapsed

in the summer.

Israel has been cool to the idea of a new truce, demanding instead that the Palestinians crack down on the violent groups and disarm them, as required by the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan. (AP)

British Tories Vote to Oust Party Leader

LONDON | Lawmakers in Britain's main opposition Conservative Party ousted their leader in a vote of confidence Wednesday and senior figures united behind a possible successor in hopes of avoiding a fractious leadership battle.

Lawmakers voted 90 to 75 against Iain Duncan Smith, a former army captain who failed to unite the party in his two years at its helm.



Duncan Smith

Former Cabinet minister Michael Howard emerged as a possible consensus candidate to succeed Duncan Smith.

Party officials are eager to avoid a protracted leadership battle. The party has been riven by factionalism since the end of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's 11-year rule. (AP)

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World

Nigeria to Test Polio Shots

Vaccines to undergo lab tests amid rampant rumors of a U.S. plot to spread sterility, HIV

LAGOS, NIGERIA | Nigerian authorities said Wednesday polio vaccines recently administered in a nationwide campaign will undergo laboratory testing to calm fears the United States is using the immunization campaign to sow AIDS and sterility among Muslims.

Vice President Abubakar Atiku ordered testing on the vaccines for

agents that could spread HIV or sterility, state television reported.

The Nigerian government has previously said such charges are ridiculous. U.N. officials involved in the vaccination campaign say proof that the vaccines are safe has been repeatedly supplied.

Nigerian Muslims have become increasingly suspicious of vaccine

initiatives since 1996, when some families accused New York-based Pfizer Inc. of using an experimental meningitis drug on patients without fully informing them of the risks. The company denied any wrongdoing in a subsequent U.S. federal lawsuit by 20 disabled Nigerians. The case was dismissed, but a U.S. appeals court recently revived it.

Ninety-nine percent of all new polio cases in the world are in Nigeria, Pakistan and India.

DULUE MBACHU (AP)

Nerve-Gas Conspirator Given Death

Execution ordered for role in subway attack

TOKYO | A medical doctor who acted as a senior leader in the doomsday cult that carried out the deadly 1995 nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway will be hanged.

Tomomasa Nakagawa, 41, was sentenced to die Wednesday by the Tokyo District Court for helping to make the sarin nerve gas used in



Nakagawa

the subway attack, which killed 12 people. He was also found guilty of taking part in earlier cult murders.

The subway gas-sing was the worst case of urban terrorism in Japan's history. The Aum Shinri Kyo cult once claimed 30,000 members. It still exists under the name Aleph, but has dwindled to about 1,000 members. (AP)

SOUTH KOREA | A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE



CHUNG SUNG-JUN/AP/GETTY

LABOR UNREST: A protester conceals a stone from police in Seoul. Violent labor demonstrations rocked South Korea on Wednesday, as thousands of people protesting working conditions clashed with police in three cities.

HEARSAY | INDONESIA

"A group of Muslim people who get together to talk about ... Islamic interests."

—INDONESIAN MILITANT ABU RUSLAN DESCRIBING JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH, A GROUP LINKED TO AL QAEDA, TO REPORTERS BEFORE THE START OF HIS TRIAL FOR HIDING ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IN THE BALI BOMBINGS.

Pakistan Offers India Its Own Peace Proposal

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan kept up the momentum toward peace with India on Wednesday, offering its own list of steps to improve relations and open the long-locked frontier in disputed Kashmir to civilian traffic — but only with U.N. monitoring.

But while India and Pakistan inched forward with steps to ease travel restrictions and people-to-people contact, their hostile rhetoric barely eased, with each country accusing the other of one-upmanship and insincerity — an indication of the distrust that remains after 55 years of hot and cold war. (AP)

Architect: Nazi Ties Should Be Forgiven

BERLIN | Backers of Germany's Holocaust memorial faced a growing backlash Wednesday over their decision to exclude a supplier that once part-owned the maker of poison gas used in Nazi death camps.

The memorial's American architect pointed out that the company,

Degussa, recently helped create a compensation fund for Nazi-era slave workers. "All Germans today cannot be held responsible for the sins of their fathers and now grandfathers," Peter Eisenman said in a commentary in a German weekly. "We must move on." (AP)

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Money

IRS Vows To Pursue Cheaters

Study finds growing numbers think it's OK to cheat on their taxes

WASHINGTON | The number of Americans who believe it's OK to cheat "a little here and there" on their taxes has risen 50 percent in the past four years, a government survey says — a trend that new IRS Commissioner Mark Everson, in an interview, promises to reverse by going after scofflaws at all income levels.

Of the 1,024 taxpayers surveyed by telephone in July, 12 percent said that it was acceptable to cheat a little when filing income taxes. Only 8 percent felt that way in 1999. Those who said taxpayers should cheat "as much as possible" also went up, from 3 percent to 5 percent.

The percentage of people who believed it was every American's civic duty to pay his fair share of taxes decreased from 81 percent in 1999 to 68 percent in 2003.

Everson, now six months into a five-year term at the head of the Internal Revenue Service, described the findings as a "check engine" warning light coming on.

MARY DALRYMPLE (AP)

TRADE | MAKING THE GRADE



HIS NOSE KNOWS: Coffee grader Justin Colten smells a cup of joe in the New York Board of Trade's new coffee and cocoa grading room during its grand opening Wednesday. The old facility, in the World Trade Center, was destroyed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

NYSE Chair to Propose Changes

NEW YORK | New York Stock Exchange interim chairman John Reed will propose a package of governance changes next week, including splitting the board to make it more accountable to the public.

The plan calls for trimming the current 27-member board to 6 to 12 independent directors who will oversee regulation and compensation.

A separate executive panel of about 12 to 18 members of the securities industry would handle opera-

tions, such as listing standards.

Reed will formally release the proposal Monday to members, who will vote on the plan Nov. 18, exchange officials said Wednesday.

Reed was also considering splitting the roles of NYSE chief executive and chairman, and if such a change was adopted, he would consider staying on as chairman, The Washington Post reported Wednesday, citing Wall Street sources. HOPE YEN (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NortellInv	6.00	+1.00	+20.0
Steinwy	19.80	+2.15	+12.2
AldWaste	11.83	+1.13	+10.6
Natl RV	10.20	+.98	+10.6
IMC Glo	6.57	+.62	+10.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Mentor s	21.15	-3.18	-13.1
IntstHtIs	6.00	-.65	-9.8
Paxar	11.95	-1.28	-9.7
EnzoBio	18.23	-1.72	-8.6
Fluor	36.59	-3.29	-8.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AnlySur	4.30	+2.06	+92.0
HyprFd h rs	6.50	+2.10	+47.7
Trimble	27.70	+6.32	+29.6
Avistar	2.90	+.54	+23.0
TechRsh	12.00	+2.21	+22.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BioSphre	3.26	-.70	-17.7
Smtk	8.12	-1.70	-17.3
AmerCas	21.18	-4.25	-16.7
Corio	2.65	-.53	-16.7
Actuate	3.31	-.59	-15.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.93
2-year	1.75	1.76
10-year	4.30	4.25
30-year	5.18	5.14

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5880	.5886	.6415
Canadian Dollar	1.3120	1.3093	1.5653
European Euro	.8565	.8554	1.0150
Japanese Yen	108.23	108.27	122.68
Mexican Peso	11.0800	11.0650	10.2030
Taiwanese Dollar	33.94	33.98	34.81

DOW NASDAQ S&P 500

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+26.22	+4.30	+1.32
+0.27	+0.22	+0.13
9774.53	1936.56	1048.11

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHAN
BcoSnCH	9.25	-.01	+31.2
BankOne	42.25	-.24	+15.6
Bk of Am	74.36	+1.51	+6.9
Barclay	34.07	-.05	+37.9
CredSuisse	34.99	+.28	+64.4
DeutschBk	67.70	+.50	+49.0
FleetBost	39.55	+.75	+62.8
HSBC	74.66	+.58	+35.8
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WA Mutl	44.00	+.23	+27.4
WellsFrgo	54.89	-.02	+17.1

Region

Youngest Sniper Victim Testifies

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | The only child shot during the Washington, D.C.-area sniper spree coolly recalled the events for a jury Wednesday at the trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad, saying, "I put my book bag down and I got shot."

Iran Brown, shot on Oct. 7, 2002, outside a Bowie, Md., middle school, said the shooting "brought me closer to God."

Brown, now 14 but 13 at the time of the shooting, testified for less than two minutes in a relaxed and composed manner. He was not cross-examined by defense lawyers.

After the shooting, he walked back to his aunt's car, who drove him to a nearby urgent care treatment center.

Tanya Brown, the boy's aunt, testified that she was dropping him off at school because he had been barred from the school bus for a few days for eating candy.

Brown, a hospital nurse, said she made the decision to drive her nephew to the urgent care center



DAVE ELLIS/AP

Sniper victim Iran Brown said he is now "closer to God" in his testimony.

almost instinctively.

She wept on the stand while prosecutors played the 911 tape in which she calmly explained to the dispatcher that she was driving Iran to the clinic, with his cries audible in the background. At one point, she told the boy, "You're not going to die." MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)



The latest: Tamara Jones continues her up-to-the-minute coverage of John Allen Muhammad's capital murder trial | washingtonpost.com/metro

Norton Warns of Bridge, Tunnel Woes

WASHINGTON | D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton warned Wednesday that \$300 million is needed to repair aging bridges and tunnels to assure the safety of residents and the one million commuters who enter the city each workday.

Except for a few routes leading into suburban Maryland, leaving the city by bus or private vehicle requires commuters to cross at least one bridge or through one tunnel to Maryland and Virginia.

The District has received \$156 million in federal funds for homeland security since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. But much of that money has been used to train and equip public safety personnel and help cover the costs of security.

Norton requested that District officials complete a survey as part of a Democratic Task Force on Homeland Security national study sought by the House Democratic Caucus. (AP)

911 Chief Resigns After Racial Slur

WASHINGTON | The former head of the District's 911 center said he has no excuse for a racist remark that forced his resignation.

Howard Baker resigned today,

less than a week after he was suspended following the remark.

Baker told WRC-TV that he made "an inappropriate, flippant, off-the-cuff remark" during a meeting with two subordinate managers. He said he apologized to one of the managers and could not get in touch with the other. (AP)

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Region

Hiker Murder Trial Is Delayed by Nine Months

New revelations raise doubt in murder case dating back to 1996

HARRISONBURG, VA. | A federal judge Wednesday postponed the capital murder trial of Darrell David Rice for nine months at the request of prosecutors who want to examine hairs discovered on crime scene evidence and previously tested DNA that suggests another man was involved.

Rice, 36, is accused of torturing and slashing to death Julianne Williams and Laura Winans at a Shenandoah National Park campsite during Memorial Day weekend in 1996.

His trial was to begin Nov. 3, but prosecutors asked for a delay this week after a flurry of tests by

government experts who found three additional hairs on evidence and concluded that another man may have been present during the murders.

Prosecutors say in court documents that when they indicted Rice in April 2002, their forensic experts said hair and fingerprints found at the campsite were inconclusive — neither proving nor disproving that Rice was the killer.

But when prosecutors ordered additional tests in preparation for the trial, lab technicians found that a strand of hair previously linked to Williams or Winans actually belonged to someone other than the victims or Rice. CHRIS KAHN (AP)



Rice

D.C. Health Care Ends Year in Red

WASHINGTON | District of Columbia officials continued efforts Wednesday to create a plan enabling the city to gain control of health care spending for the city's poor.

The two year-old D.C. Health Care Alliance is expected to end its current fiscal year on Friday more than \$13 million over its \$84 million budget. The alliance now has more than 800 participating physicians. Officials are hoping to persuade enrollees to use those providers, rather than heading to emergency rooms for routine health services.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams has told administrators that spending

SURVEY SAYS

→ On Thursday, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation will release a survey of 1,581 district adults who were contacted about health care issues. Fully one-third of the respondents were aware of the alliance program, and of that number 56 percent offered favorable opinions. Only 15 percent offered unfavorable responses. (AP)

on the alliance will be capped in the 2004 fiscal year at \$80 million.

The District is also working with the creditors of Greater Southeast Community Hospital, which is now losing about \$2.6 million per month. (AP)

Montgomery Schools Seek \$1 Billion

POTOMAC, MD. | Montgomery County Schools Superintendent Jerry Weast released a budget plan Wednesday that calls for nearly \$1 billion in spending to build, renovate or update district schools.

His plan calls for the Capital Improvements Program budget to rise \$319.1 million to \$956.2 million for 2005 through 2010.

Under the plan, the district would gain 10 more schools — five of them new and the other five reopened.

The project also would build additions on 21 elementary, middle and high schools, build gymnasiums for 33 elementary schools lacking them and perform repairs on many other schools. (AP)

Sports

Orioles Interview Foley

PRO BASEBALL | Tom Foley, third base coach for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, on Wednesday became the sixth person to interview for the Orioles' vacant managerial post.

New York Yankees first base coach Lee Mazzilli will interview Thursday.

Tampa Bay finished in last place behind Baltimore in the AL East this season, but the Devil Rays went 11-8 against the Orioles in 2003.

That was discussed at length during Foley's interview with Orioles vice presidents Jim



Foley

Beattie and Mike Flanagan, who launched the search after firing Mike Hargrove on Sept. 29.

"They said we gave them problems last year, and I said, 'We gave you problems and 10 other teams gave us problems, so it doesn't really even out,'" Foley said.

Foley has no managerial experience at the major league level. He spent the past two seasons as Tampa Bay's third base coach after serving two years as the team's director of minor league operations.

His experience as a manager consists of one season with the Rays' rookie league team and in the Arizona Fall League in 2001.

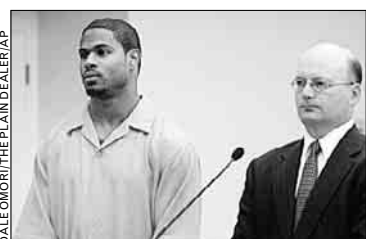
DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Cleveland's Brown Arraigned for DUI

PRO FOOTBALL | Cleveland Browns running back William Green pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of marijuana possession and driving under the influence.

Green was arrested Monday after police received a cell phone call from a motorist reporting a possible drunken driver. An officer found a bag of marijuana weighing 3.2 grams in Green's car, according to police.

If convicted of the DUI charge, Green could be put on probation



William Green, left, pleaded innocent to DUI charges on Wednesday.

or face up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. His license could be suspended for up to three years. The marijuana charge is a misdemeanor and carries a \$100 fine.

Green and his attorney did not comment after the hearing. (AP)

Bryant: Feud With O'Neal is History

PRO BASKETBALL | Kobe Bryant says his latest feud with Shaquille O'Neal is history.

Bryant met with reporters and answered any and all questions after practice Wednesday, while O'Neal left without saying a word.

"It's fine. I was talking trash to him on the court today," Bryant said. "It was business as usual. It's over. We have a good spirit about us as a ballclub — we always have."

"We said what we have to say. Now, it's time to move on. I know I



NCAA President Myles Brand, left, speaks during a Senate Judiciary hearing focusing on the BCS. Senators called the system unfair to smaller schools.

Bowl System Becomes A Congressional Matter

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | The Bowl Championship Series shuts out too many schools in its goal of crowning a college football champion and needs to be repaired, senators told representatives of the bowl system Wednesday.

"I don't know if you guys know how it looks to fans of teams that aren't part of this system," said Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. "It looks un-American."

Created in 1998 by the six most powerful college conferences, the BCS guarantees that the champions of those conferences will play in one of the four most lucrative

postseason bowl games, leaving only two at-large berths.

Division I-A football is the only college sport not to have a playoff system.

BYU, which won the national championship in 1984, is the only team other than Notre Dame outside the six BCS conferences to have won a national championship since 1945.

NCAA President Myles Brand said he is open to a system that would be more inclusive, but does not believe that there is a need for radical changes or adoption of a playoff system. ROBERT GEHRKE (AP)

Redskins Sign DT Russell

Lineman reached two Pro Bowls, but served suspension for drugs

PRO FOOTBALL | Deciding the need was worth the risk, the Washington Redskins signed troubled defensive tackle Darrell Russell to a one-year, \$790,000 contract on Wednesday.

Russell joins the team two days after he was reinstated by the NFL

following a 1 1/2-year suspension for a second violation of the league's substance abuse policy. His history also includes 25

felony charges — later dropped — involving a case in which he was accused of drugging a woman and holding a video camera while his friends raped her.

"We don't have a lot to lose," said coach Steve Spurrier. "We may take a bad hit PR-wise, but he's not been convicted of the charge made against him. There's a lot of players in this league that have had a lot more serious charges than what he had. ... He's not in jail, is he?"

Russell had 28 1/2 sacks in five seasons with the Raiders and made the Pro Bowl in 1998 and 1999. He remained under contract to the Raiders during his suspension, and they cut him Monday after it was lifted. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



Russell

HEARSAY | BOXING

"There will definitely be a rematch with Mosely."

— OSCAR DE LA HOYA

REVERSING HIS PLEDGE TO RETIRE AFTER HE LOST BY DECISION TO "SUGAR" SHANE MOSELY SIX WEEKS AGO.

First impression: For results of the Washington Wizards' opening game at Chicago | washingtonpost.com/sports

Never a dull moment: Mark Maske discusses the always-busy Redskins | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 10:45 a.m.

Today's TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 on ESPN) Boise State, which scored 77 points Saturday, goes for an 8-1 record when facing 4-5 BYU.

GOLF (4 p.m. on USA) Vijay Singh continues his quest to win the PGA's money title when playing in the Chrysler Championship in Palm Harbor, Fla.

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on TNT) Rookie

Carmelo Anthony leads the Denver Nuggets against Yao Ming and the Houston Rockets.

PRO BASKETBALL (10:30 p.m. on TNT) The LeBron James show moves to Phoenix, when the Cavaliers play the Suns.

PRO HOCKEY (8 p.m. on ESPN2) Eastern Conference rivals Philadelphia and New Jersey take to the ice.

IOC May Recheck 2002 Drug Tests For Latest Steroid

OLYMPICS | The International Olympic Committee is looking into whether drug tests at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics can be rechecked for the recently discovered steroid THG, IOC medical

director Patrick Schamasch said in a phone interview Wednesday.

Lawyers for the IOC are studying the legality of retroactive testing of frozen urine samples taken to Los Angeles from the temporary Olympic drug-testing laboratory at the University of Utah's Research Park.

Dr. Don Catlin, who heads the Olympic drug-testing laboratory at UCLA, where 200 to 300 samples

from the 2002 Winter Games are stored, said in a telephone interview Wednesday that retesting is still possible for THG, a previously undetectable drug.

The World Anti-Doping Agency has urged retesting of all stored samples worldwide.

International track and field officials plan to retest 400 samples from the world championships in Paris in August. (AP)

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Lookout

When Stars Collide

Why Americans find celebrity couples doubly fascinating

CELEBRITY | Last month, Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey shot from B-list to A-list celebrity status.

Need proof? They were guests on “Larry King Live” last week. They're on the cover of the Oct. 27 issue of *Us Weekly*. And “Saturday Night Live” has paid homage to them recently with a skit.

The couple did it by showing the public what their first year of marriage looks like on MTV's “Newlyweds,” one of the network's most popular programs.

Before “Newlyweds,” Nick (a member of the boy band 98 Degrees) and Jessica (a solo pop artist) were hardly mainstream stars; their fan base consisted mostly of preteens. Thanks to “Newlyweds,” they've got everyone from Larry King's gray-haired viewers to young marrieds talking about them.

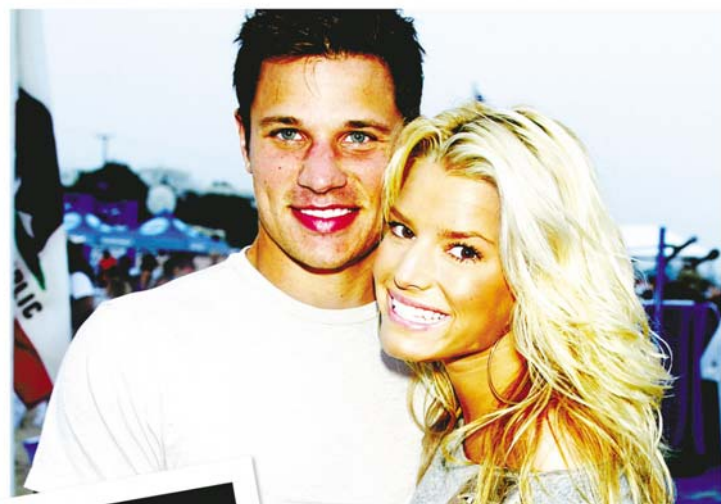
They're not the first, and they won't be the last, couple to use their relationship to get ahead in the business. Remember Liz and Dick? Mia and Frank?

But what is it about the power of two that makes us suckers for buying magazines, flipping on the TV, begging for more?

“People have a tendency to doubt; they ask if the relationship is a [public relations] thing,” says Caroline Schaefer, senior editor at *Us Weekly*. “It's nice to get reassurance that they are just like us. You don't get to know them by seeing a concert or watching them in a movie.

“But reading about them in a magazine or seeing them on TV shows gives a window into their personality, and that's what we crave. People are especially interested in love stories. It's why relationship covers of women's magazines sell so well.”

Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter from “The Bachelorette” are making lots of money for themselves, TV executives and magazine editors by dis-



TWICE AS SEXY: Jessica and Nick (top), Demi and Ashton (left) and Courteney and David — aren't they so cute together?

cussing their relationship. In fact, the ABC-created celebrities have made an entire career of it since they found love last year on reality TV. And they got ABC to pay for their wedding in exchange for allowing it to be broadcast on the network.

They're on *In Touch Weekly's* cover next week with the headline “Wedding Fever.”

Individually, they're ordinary citizens — minor celebrities, at most — but together they're a franchise. “Take them apart, and it doesn't command the same thing,” says Steve LeGrice, executive editor of *In Touch*.

Look at what Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore have done for each other. Moore, who had been living with her kids in Idaho in recent years, has made a comeback in part because of her relationship with Kutcher.

As for Kutcher, the combination of hosting MTV's “Punk'd” and dating Moore has shot him to a new celebrity stratosphere.

With “Friends” going off the air

at the end of this season, Courteney Cox is promoting her new project, “Mixing It Up,” a design show on the cable network WE. To do that, she has been opening up about her relationship with her husband, actor David Arquette.

People magazine's cover for the week of Oct. 27 screams: “Inside Their Marriage: Hoping for a baby, launching a TV show. Hollywood's happiest odd couple talk about how they get through the rough spots.”

But why are some couples more interesting than others?

“Julia Roberts and her husband don't go to premieres together,” says *Us Weekly's* Schaefer. “Because of that, there's not as much to say. People like Jessica and Nick put their relationship on TV, so it's a topic of conversation. I was at dinner last night and overheard a 30-ish guy talking about Jessica's comment about Chicken of the Sea. If you put yourself out there, people are going to talk about you.”

TARA WEISS (LA TIMES)



WeekendPass

Neurotically Yours

Boston's Guster plays self-indulgent neo-folk; that's why we love them

MUSIC | Friday's Guster/Third Eye Blind show at the 9:30 Club will be stricken with a serious case of schizophrenia. The grouping of these two bands evokes visions of Conan O'Brien getting a crowd loose for Gilbert Gottfried.

Guster's three members usually noodle around on two acoustic guitars and some bongos. That's it. The college radio superstars have developed an enormous grassroots following based on their self-deprecating — yet painfully earnest — brand of pop rock and some of the catchiest hooks and harmonies this side of the Beach Boys.

Somehow these unassuming guys dressed in New Kids on the Block T-shirts and ratty jeans got paired with one of the most pretentious (and tremendously mediocre) bands of the last decade.

Third Eye Blind's front man Stephan Jenkins once told a reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times: "Our band has been, if not the most D.I.Y. [do-it-yourself] next to Fugazi, then No. 2 or 3."

Whoa. The bland singles from these heroes of the lowest common denominator were absolutely unavoidable in the corporatized soup of late-'90s pop culture. Do-it-yourself? Only if you put Sugar Ray on that list.

Maybe the guys in Guster will give Stephan Jenkins and crew some tips on grassroots organizing during the bands' sold-out co-gig. One thing is for sure: The gods of irony will be smiling. **PETER DENTON**

9:30 Club, 815 V St., NW, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 31-Nov. 1; 703-218-6500. (U St. -Cardozo)



MMM, CHEWY: Guster demonstrates that real men cook — not necessarily well, but at least they cook.

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Sweet Candy: Saxy Stuff

Although Candy Dulfer has left "Funky Stuff" (her old band) behind, the former child protégé still gets jazzy with the best of them. And trust the Europeans to spot the subtext — this Dutch alto saxophonist never met a "sax" pun she didn't hug. So if you feel like getting "sax"ual, please proceed.

Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Wilson Ave., Alexandria; Sat., Nov. 1, 8:30 p.m., \$29.50 in advance, \$35 at the door; 703-549-7500.



JACQUES MUNCH/AFP/GETTY

Candy sashays toward her destiny — to be the world's hottest saxophonist.

Punk Rock Block: Misfits Find a Place

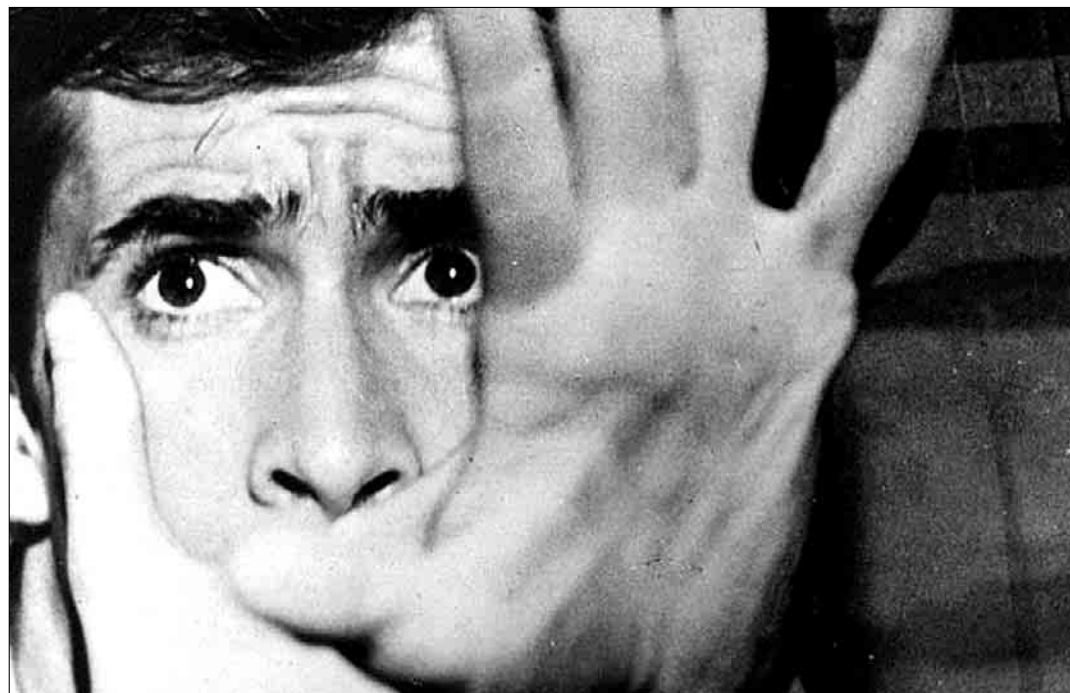
Punk rock's finest blasts into Jaxx with a lineup so all-star you'll forget who played in the original bands. The Misfits, always more intelligent than their caveman-rock colleagues, features Marky Ramone, Dez of Black Flag and Jerry Only. With Agent Orange, Fool's Wisdom and others the Goons and Brain Dead.

Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, Sun., Nov. 2, 5 p.m., \$22; 703-569-5940.

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OH NO, NOT THE "GOBBLE" SCENE: Film historian Max Alvarez hosts the spine-tingling lecture, "Great Moments in Screen Terror." He'll show hair-raising clips to discuss how movies (like "Psycho," above) scare us. Please be advised that pregnant or nursing mothers, young children and impressionable people may be exposed to scenes from "Gigli." American History Museum, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Thu., Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m., \$15; 202-357-3030.

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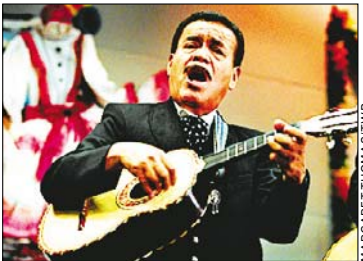
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**Stars of Sad Song:
Mariachis Los Amigos**

Relax — it's not the gun-toting mariachis of Robert Rodriguez's bloody trilogy. Still, your excitement is understandable. These instrument-toting amigos have been known to produce the same effect — they blow away audiences who appreciate the traditional sounds of Mexico. And if Antonio does show, the folks at the Kennedy Center will have none of that; he'll be checking his guitar case at the door.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; Thu., Oct. 30, 6 p.m.; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Luis Gonzalez of Mariachis Los Amigos raises a mournful cry.

The Dead Can Dance

The nation's capital busts out this Friday night; here's where to go

Decades Fright-Night Bash

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**Halloween Benefit
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Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; 10 p.m.; 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)

Graveyard Jam

Trust the D.C. Society of Young Professionals to throw a juicy bash — costume contest with categories, dancing, karaoke and games.

Hard Rock Cafe, 999 E St. NW; 8 p.m., \$10 in advance; 202-737-7625. (Federal Triangle)



BOO-TY: Masks and scythes are go-anywhere accessories for the modern partier.

**Smith Point Haunted
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From the folks who bring you Liquid comes this swank soiree, with an open bar, light fare, a cover band, DJ and costume contest.

Galleria, Lafayette Center, 1155 21st St NW, 9 p.m., \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door; www.georgetownevents.com. (Foggy Bottom)

Fright Fest at Six Flags

Accept no substitutes for family-friendly fun: Six Flags lets guests be as scared as they want to be, with a high-tech haunted house, the Midnight Express Haunted Train and "Terror in Tombtown" stunt show for the stoic. Kids can enjoy the mildly eerie Looney Tunes Spooky Town, Trick or Treat Trail,

and Not-So-Scary Kiddie Hayride and Haunted Mansion.

Six Flags America, Maryland, 13710 Central Ave., Largo; 5-10 p.m., \$24.99-\$35.99; 301-249-1500.

WoW Halloween Party

Live rock by Mellow Head, costume contest with cash prize in a cool neighborhood pub for a low, low price.

Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, 9 p.m., \$5; 703-276-9693. (Clarendon)

**Young Benefactors
Halloween Happy Hour**

Free-flowing wine and beer, a dinner buffet and music in support of the Smithsonian's educational programs before your evening starts in earnest.

Sine Irish Pub, 1301 S. Joyce St., Arlington; 6:30 - 9 p.m., \$40; 703-415-4420. (Pentagon City)

DCIOI Halloween Party

DJs spin while you twirl on the catwalk — this bash offers a sweet cash costume prize.

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TAKING OUT THE THRASH: If you're seeing skateboard legend and HuckJam founder Tony Hawk from this angle, it's probably safest just not to move.

The Hawk Has Landed

OUT & ABOUT | If you know your Ollies, 540s, 720s, 900s, handplants and McTwists, we don't need to tell you what a Boom Boom HuckJam is, either.

Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam isn't one of those lame-o empty-pool exhibitions with a big name slapped on it. This annual extravaganza of tricky maneuvers and raw rock 'n' roll was designed, maintained and pumped up by the untiring Hawk, the biggest name in skateboarding.

The evening-long show is extreme in the extreme, amassing the superstars of ultimate wheeling — boarders, skaters, bikers and motocross riders.

The HuckJam is a chance for the country's best riders to show

their stuff away from the guidelines — and disappointment — of competition.

These brave young folk do in-your-face-stunts inches from the aforementioned face, to the sound of thrashing music, the smell of burning concrete and the roar of the knowledgeable and enthusiastic crowd.

Multiple performers share the curved spaces specially built for the national tour (last year it was a 13-foot half-pipe ramp). They perform intricately choreographed simultaneous maneuvers in groups and pairs, then explode into a freestyle frenzy. (EXPRESS)

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Sisterly Marketing: Love for Sale

Calling all sistas — it's the 7th Annual for Sisters Only Expo. WPGC brings what you like at this "upscale direct-marketing event" that is not, we repeat not, a meat market. This year boasts an array of people, er, things to do including getting your, uh, booty signed



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Still Smokin'

MUSIC | As Superman fears Kryptonite, L.A. rap outfit Cypress Hill must cringe at a weed-killing bottle of Roundup.

That's because the hip-hop stalwarts, chillin' in town this weekend, have made a lucrative and lengthy career out of creatively championing cannabis.

Though their short-term memories might be hazy, their pro-pot stance is indubitably clear: They've graced the cover of High Times magazine, publicly campaigned for marijuana's legalization and tagged their yearly mega-concert the "Smoke Out."

The crew of talented tokers consists of nasal-voiced MC B-Real, animated second banana rhymer Sen Dog, percussionist Eric Bobo and sinister soundscape creator DJ Muggs.

The props they've given to pot on songs like "I Wanna Get High" and "Hits From the Bong" have assured their place in hip-hop history and



ARE YOU BOYS BURNING INCENSE IN THERE? Cypress Hill in a mellow mood.

influenced countless rappers to cheer for cheeba since their 1991 self-titled debut. Additionally, Muggs's darkly tinged cinematic thumps, wails and drum snaps have inspired Dr. Dre's G-Funk and RZA's new-school dissonance.

In recent years, the group has

often employed a full touring band and dug into weighty rock tracks. So if you're not opposed second-hand mary jane and plenty of moshing, head for the Hill. **CRAIG SMITH**

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., Nov. 1, 11 p.m., \$25; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Red Dirt Girl: Emmylou Harris at GWU

The crystalline exquisiteness of Emmylou Harris's voice is an uncanny thing—saintly, ringing, as strong and supple as a willow branch. We prefer our Emmylou with a little rural grit in her throat, since her vocals belie the tough sensibility of her lyrics and guitar-playing, but the last few ultra-pretty records sure have moved out of the store. Either way, her live performance is a holy rolling good time.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Thu., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., \$40; 202-432-7328 or 800-551-7328. (Foggy Bottom)



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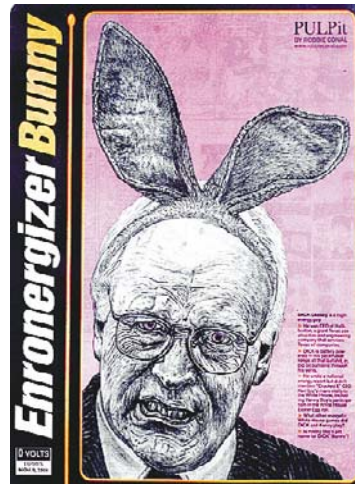
READINGS | Robbie Conal has never been arrested.

This is a fairly amazing factoid, considering that the Los Angeles-based guerilla artist trafficked in civilly disobedient public art.

For eight years Conal, who comes to town with a book of his works, created scathing posters of politicians, incredibly detailed but for slight exaggerations and drawn-in props, and plastered them on Southern California walls and buildings. It wasn't legal, it wasn't considered high art, but it was extremely effective.

Conal's posters of Ronald Reagan, both George Bushes, Rush Limbaugh, Dick Cheney and other powerful white men are L.A.-area icons of protest and street communication. But six years ago the artist quit skulking around brick walls with glue and brushes and took a regular gig, drawing a monthly poster (with some text) for the alternative newspaper L.A. Weekly.

With "Artburn," Conal's collect-



HARE APPARENT: Dick Cheney just keeps going ... and going ... and going.

ed works for the L.A. Weekly (and some pieces he calls "remixes") come together in one volume handy for anyone not on the West Coast but interested in the business and art of personal expression. (EXPRESS)

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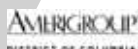
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EQUIPMENT NEEDED: candy thermometer, electric mixer

- Smear the bottom and sides of a 9- by 13-inch pan (or a pan similar in size) with vegetable oil and set it aside.
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- In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine 2 cups sugar, 3/4 cup light corn syrup and 3/4 cup water. Cook over medium heat; stir until sugar dissolves completely and mixture comes to a boil.
- Clip a candy thermometer to the inside of the pan and cook syrup *without stirring* until it reaches 240° F (soft ball stage). Remove pan from heat and add 1/4 cup corn syrup.
- With a handheld electric mixer or a standing mixer, incorporate the hot syrup into the large bowl containing the softened gelatin in a slow steady stream. Beat for 10 minutes, or until mixture triples in volume and becomes very stiff. Add 1 tablespoon vanilla. (For a touch of Halloween, add 5 drops of orange food coloring).
- Spread mixture into the oiled pan. Smooth the top as much as possible using a rubber spatula or a wide

knife dipped in water. Set aside, uncovered, at room temperature, for 8 to 10 hours or until mixture is cool and firm. (Let it set up overnight, while you have marshmallow dreams.)

- When ready, run a knife around the edge of pan to loosen up the marshmallow. Invert onto a cutting board or another flat surface that is dusted with confectioner's sugar. You may need to pry it out of the pan with your fingers. Sift more confectioner's over the marshmallow once unmolded.
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Aging gracefully? Vidalia had its tenth birthday and a million-dollar makeover this year. Tom Sietsema has the details. In The Washington Post, Sunday magazine.

Relax and Cook

Dinner parties can make even accomplished cooks sweat. Some tips from four young San Francisco chefs:

THE HEAT ISN'T ON. Don't put too much pressure on yourself—people aren't expecting a restaurant meal, says Jeffrey Amber of Moose's Restaurant. That restaurant meal you're trying to duplicate might have taken "seven guys to cook and clean up the mess."

BREAK THE RULES. People need to overcome the mind-set that cooking is difficult. "It isn't such a hard thing," says Melissa Perello of Charles Nob Hill. "Don't look at recipes as rules.

Use them as guidelines. Be willing to change it as you go, to add something different or change out ingredients."

SALT TO TASTE. "Season with kosher salt," suggests Dennis Leary of Rubicon. "It's neutral-tasting, doesn't have the additives found in table salt, is less salty and has better texture."

BE TOUCHY FEELY. Experience cooking with all your senses, advises Adrian Hoffman of One Market Restaurant. Toss the salad with your hands. Touch meat or fish to see if it's done. Season dishes by tasting.

CHOOSE WISELY. Always use quality ingredients. "A recipe is only as good as its worst ingredients," Hoffman says. SANDY HU (AP)

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COOKBOOKS | Eating alone at home doesn't have to be a cold, gummy pasta affair. Joyce Goldstein, a San Francisco-based chef, food writer and cooking teacher, has loads of encouragement to offer in her book "Solo Suppers: Simple Delicious Meals to Cook for Yourself"

(Chronicle, \$19.95). Singles are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population, she says. More people now live alone, but most cookbooks don't reflect this.



Besides plenty of scaled-down recipes (like Cream of Potato Soup with Sun-Dried Tomatoes, left), Goldstein includes advice on planning, shopping and re-heating. Her recipes are for substantial one-dish meals and, for some people, may stretch to two meals. (AP)

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND to Tammy Hayes's letter (Oct. 29) about her mock pregnancy and seating on the Metro. I can't speak for everyone, but nowadays I have a hard time telling if someone is pregnant or just a little overweight.

I don't know about you, Tammy, but anyone who has ever made the mistake of thinking someone is pregnant and then finding out at that particular moment that she in fact is not pregnant — well, it's embarrassing, to say the least, for all involved.

My point: You're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

—S. SEARS
Mt. Vernon, Va.

I WAS APPALLED to read Anthony Roberts's Oct. 28 letter claiming coma patient Terri Schiavo is a "living, breathing corpse." Based on what? At least as many experts have claimed Ms. Schiavo can improve as those that have said she can't.

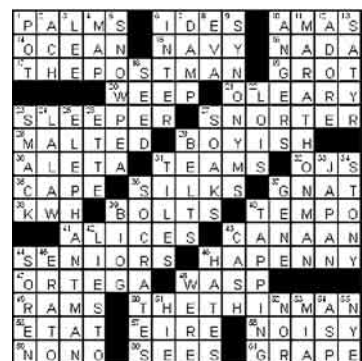
I also tend to believe parents are more altruistic than a husband who has a new girlfriend, who has denied Ms. Schiavo's parents access to her, and who started this right-to-death campaign only once a \$1 million settlement was at stake.

—KATALIN H. KOROSSY
Kensington, Md.

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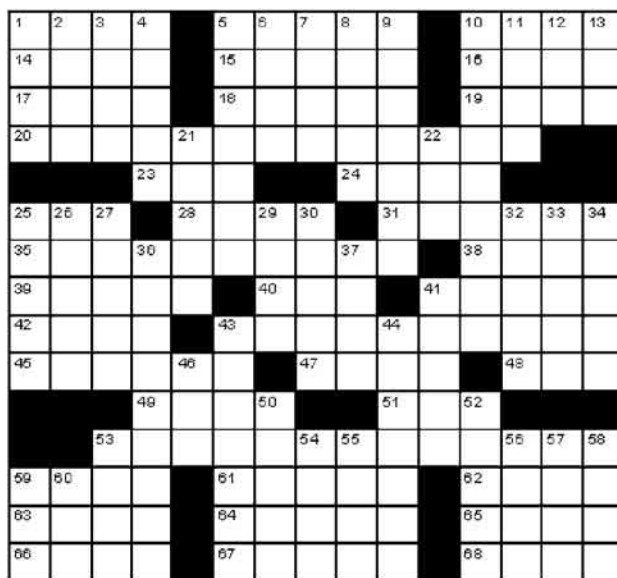
Yesterday's Solutions



Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Wrestling with the big guys
- 5 After-bath sprinkles
- 10 Campus gathering place
- 14 British bub
- 15 Notify of danger
- 16 "Render __ Caesar ..."
- 17 Goop's movement
- 18 Smooth transition
- 19 Matter for the gray matter
- 20 Cheap quip, Part 1
- 23 Biol. or Astron. founded in 1868
- 25 Org. for drillers and fillers
- 28 "What's __ for me?"
- 31 Andean burden-bearers
- 35 Cheap quip, Part 2
- 38 Celebratory occasion
- 39 Effect of time
- 40 Former capital on Honshu
- 41 Engraved honor
- 42 Hold sway over
- 43 Cheap quip, Part 3
- 45 Keyboard bar
- 47 One in the futures market?
- 48 Sharpton and Gore
- 49 Disgusting food



- 51 Negative prefix
- 53 Cheap quip, Part 4
- 59 Festive occasion
- 61 You may cry over it
- 62 Penultimate fairy-tale word
- 63 Appealing addition
- 64 Put into position
- 65 There's nothing like one, in a song

- 66 Gymnastically gifted
- 67 Parisian school
- 68 April or November surprise

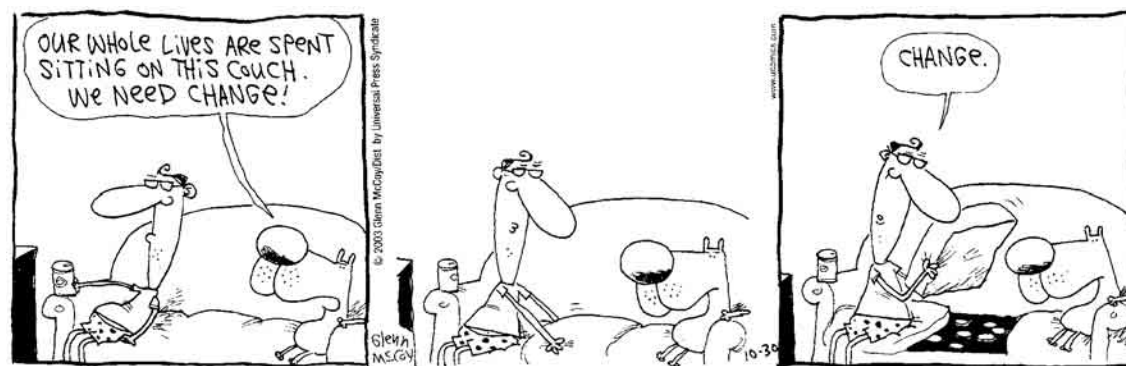
DOWN

- 1 Boat for hauling
- 2 Oops!
- 3 Place to lose oneself
- 4 Uncorks
- 5 Vintner's event

- 6 Sir Guinness
- 7 Kid's construction block
- 8 Leftover morsel
- 9 Church part
- 10 Good many
- 11 Erase, to a word processor
- 12 Took in
- 13 Screen thriller of

- 1950, remade in 1988
- 21 Candle base
- 22 Fa-la link on a musical scale
- 25 Culture media
- 26 Unearth
- 27 St. Teresa of ____
- 29 Words said with a nod
- 30 Fussess
- 32 Image-maker's tools
- 33 If-possible connector
- 34 Hawks
- 36 Experiencing nirvana
- 37 Have a long face
- 41 Reason for a raise
- 43 Pop the question
- 44 Newspaper read on the Metro
- 46 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock grp.
- 50 Lose one's cool
- 52 Loses fur
- 53 Utter indistinctly
- 54 A Jackson
- 55 Christmas season
- 56 Lendl of tennis
- 57 Disney fish
- 58 Achieved greater proportions
- 59 Family docs
- 60 Mountain peak

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — This is a good day to watch the world go by. Before you find a suitable perch, tend to your duties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — How someone close to you goes about his or her business is sure to teach you something important about how you go about your own. Watch and learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be gravitating toward someone who knows just how to push your buttons. What you'll get may be an unpleasant surprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may do something you've resisted all your life, but it depends upon how you see yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You have been ignorant for far too long of what is right beside you. An opportunity is about to pass you by, again. Don't let it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The promise received yesterday is sure to be kept — but it may be in a way that surprises you to the core. Be ready for anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll be remembering fondly times spent with a good friend that are very much like the one you're enjoying right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — What you are doing at this time is not pleasing you. Combine profit and pleasure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's a good day to resume work on a project that seemed to fizzle out not too long ago. The chances for real progress are considerable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are likely to inspire rather heated feelings in one who is usually reserved. This will surprise everyone concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You have a way about you that attracts just the right kind of attention. And at just the right time, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You want to live more impulsively at this time. There's no reason to think that you can't have a little more adventure in your life.

IOWA CAUCUSES

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Iowa Democratic Party Chairman **GORDON FISCHER** was online Wednesday to discuss the Iowa caucuses.

Could you explain the caucuses and how the caucuses differ from other states' primary elections?

On Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m., Iowa Democrats will go to a precinct location and publicly declare their support for the candidate of their choice. There are no ballots, just neighbors gathered together in preference groups.

Rather than one vote for one person, the size of the group determines the number of delegates they can elect for their candidate. The candidate with the most delegates statewide wins.

What are the key issues that most concern Iowa Democrats?

As all other Americans, Iowa voters are very concerned about the economy, the situation in Iraq, health care and education. Job loss is something that is on the minds of all Iowans, Democrat or Republican. We need to get the economy on track.

How has the large group of Democratic candidates energized or turned off Iowa voters?

The large field has actually brought out many voters who may not normally follow politics. Each candidate has his or her own positive attributes, which attracts many different voters.

How expensive is it to put on your caucuses?

They are not only expensive in dollar amounts, but also in time and organization. We estimate the caucuses will cost the Iowa Democratic Party around \$750,000. That doesn't even begin to cover what candidates have spent in the state.

Today on Live Online:

1 P.M. Author Max Brooks discusses his book, "The Zombie Survival Guide: Complete Protection from the Living Dead."

1:45 P.M. Director/writer Billy Ray discusses "Shattered Glass," his movie based on a true story about journalist Stephen Glass.

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LITIGATION

Asking for Moore

James Nichols, the brother of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, says he was tricked into appearing in the documentary "Bowling for Columbine,"



according to a federal lawsuit filed in Detroit against filmmaker **MICHAEL MOORE**. His lawyer is asking for damages ranging from \$10 million to \$20 million on each of nine counts. In the film, Moore steers a conversation with Nichols to gun ownership. Nichols tells Moore he has a gun under his pillow, and Moore asks Nichols to show him. (AP)

RIFTS

Jude Law Officially Single

Actress Sadie Frost was granted her petition Wednesday for divorce from Oscar-nominated actor **JUDE LAW**. Frost's petition was in a list of 30 cases that a district judge approved in a brief hearing at the London



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP/GETTY

divorce courts. The decree nisi, or interim divorce, was granted 10 months after Frost and the 30-year-old Law split up on the grounds



of his alleged unreasonable behavior. Frost, 35, and Law, who have three children, were married in 1997. Frost is well known in Britain for a line of designer underwear. (AP)

INFANTS

Legally Born

Just when she couldn't get any more adorably, obviously, publicly pregnant, **REESE WITHERSPOON** gave birth to a baby boy. (Funny how that happens.) The "Legally Blonde" actress gave birth to Deacon Phillippe in a Los Angeles area hospital on Oct. 23, her spokeswoman said Tuesday. "The family is very happy and doing well," said publicist Nanci

CITY HALL

Starstricken

"For those of you who were wondering, I finally got my date with **JENNIFER LOPEZ**," cracked New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Tuesday. J.Lo showed up at City Hall, with Ben Affleck in tow, for the formation of a new commission to attract Latino entertainment and media to the city. Lopez will be its honorary chairwoman. (AP)



AKIRA KONO/AP
Will the "Rings" theme be in Quenya, Sindarin or — how common! — Adûni?

MIDDLE EARTH

But Can She Sing in Elvish?

Former Eurythmics singer **ANNIE LENNOX** will perform the theme song for "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the final chapter in the mammoth screen adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy. The soundtrack, due out Nov. 25, will feature Lennox's song "Into the West." "The Return of the King" opens Dec. 17. (AP)

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